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SUBJECT: SOVIETS ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, COMMON FUND

1. AT SEPTEMBER 19 QP MEETING FRENCH AMBASSADOR
REPORTED THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATION VLADIMIR
SERGEYEVICH POZHARSKIY, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA'S
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION SAID:

--SOVIETS DO NOT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN MAIN
NORTH-SOUTH DISCUSSIONS BUT WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE
IN DRAFTING NORTH-SOUTH RESOLUTION SO AS TO INFLUENCE
THE TEXT.

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--SOVIETS FEEL NO GUILT ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES
BECAUSE:

A. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM;

B. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' POVERTY IS A CONSEQUENCE
OF FREE MARKET ECONOMIC SYSTEM WITH ATTENDANT

INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, ALL EXPORTED BY
IMPERIALISTS.

C. IN ANY EVENT SOVIETS ARE HELPING DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES WITH LOTS OF MONEY AND TECHNICAL AID
BEING SENT TO THEIR OWN CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS (*)
(COMMENT: ARBATOV USED SIMILAR LINE WITH VAN
WELLE, FORMER CHIEF OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DURING LATTER'S SUMMER VISIT
HERE.)

2. RE COMMON FUND, POZHARSKIY LISTED THREE CRITERIA:
A. IT MUST BE USED FOR STABILIZING PRICES;
B. COUNTRIES MUST PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THEIR IMPORT POSITION (HE MENTIONED COCOA).
BUT AT THE SAME TIME THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT RESERVATION:
OTHER BILATERAL GOALS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A SUGAR
AGREEMENT WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER FORMS
OF AID WHICH THEY PROVIDE TO CUBA.
C. SAFEGUARD MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT
PROFITEERING BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. AT THIS POINT FRG AMBASSADOR SAID ABOVE
LINE TRACKED WITH THAT GIVEN BY POZHARSKIY TO
REZIC DURING SOVIET-FRG BILATERALS ON UN
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HERE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. FRG CONCLUSION:
SOVIETS ARE ENCOUNTERING MANY DIFFICULTIES
WITH UN AS A NORTH-SOUTH FORUM. HAVING
ALWAYS REGARDED IT PRIMARILY AS AN EAST-WEST
FORUM FOR SUCH ISSUES AS DISARMAMENT AND
IDEOLOGY, THEY NOW SEE THE EMERGENCE OF BIG
BLOC OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AS CREATING
DIFFICULTIES FOR SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL APPROACH.

4. COMMENT: POZHARSKIY IS A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND
AUTHENTIC SOURCE, AND THE ACCOUNT OF HIS VIEWS TRACKS
CLOSELY WITH WHAT SOVIETS HAVE BEEN SAYING PUBLICLY
AND PRIVATELY AND ALSO WITH WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO
BE THEIR REAL OUTLOOK. THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN
INTO ANY NEW OBLIGATIONS IN AN AREA WHICH THEY RECOGNIZE
THEY CANNOT CONTROL, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY NEED
NO COACHING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE THIRD WORLD.
THE BEST FEASIBLE OPTION FROM THE SOVIET STANDPOINT
WOULD BE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS ONLY TO
THE DEGREE WHERE THEY CAN WIELD INFLUENCE WITHOUT
UNDERTAKING COMMITMENTS. ESSENTIALLY THE SOVIETS
APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT THE PATH OF SALVATION FOR THE

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIES, AS USA INSTITUTE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHERSHNEV RECENTLY TOLD US, IN
CORRECTING THEIR OWN INTERNAL POLICIES (I.E., ALONG
THE SOVIET PATTERN). THE SOVIETS ARE UNLIKELY TO
SEE THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, ASI IT IS PRESENTLY
CONSTITUTED, AS CONTRIBUTING TO THE SORT OF SOLUTION
WHICH THEY HAVE IN HAND.
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